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**House Bill 1120 - Professional Licensing Portability -
Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses
SUPPORT**

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The Honorable Kriselda Valderrama
Economic Matters Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Veterans and Military Families (DVMF) is committed to leading veterans and their families through life's transitions, making Maryland the best state for military-connected communities. Our department supports House Bill 1120 - Professional Licensing Portability - Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses.

House Bill 1120 updates Maryland law to reflect the federal Foreign Service Act of 1980 (FSA), which provides occupational licensing portability to members of the Foreign Service and their spouses when the member is assigned to a new detail not located in the jurisdiction of the licensing authority that issued the covered license. The intent of this federal protection is to reduce stress and minimize the administrative and financial burdens associated with being relocated.

HB 1120 addresses these challenges by aligning Maryland law with federal law to ensure these individuals can continue their professional careers without unnecessary delays or redundancies. This legislation aligns with Maryland's commitment to a whole-of-government approach, ensuring that no one is left behind. Thank you for your time, and I respectfully ask the committee for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward C. Rothstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ed Rothstein
Secretary